

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SECTION
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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT

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| SOLICIATION NUMBER AND TITLE: | 301-05-001 Air Quality Database Update |
| RFP DUE DATE: | January 24, 2006 2:00 P.M. CST |
| AMENDMENT NUMBER: | 01 |
| DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: | December 21, 2005 |

Section 1.03 of the solicitation established a deadline for receipt of questions. The responses to these questions are provided as addenda to the solicitation. When necessary, the solicitation has been amended:

1. Question: Will there be a conference line available for prospective bidders to participate in the pre-proposal conference via telephone on Jan. 5?

Response: The Air Quality Permitting and Compliance Program has the ability to accommodate teleconferencing. Those wishing to sign up for teleconferencing must send an Email to ghaberst@state.nd.us indicating they wish to attend the pre-proposal conference for RFP # 301-05-01 by teleconference. They will then be provided a phone number and PIN to dial into the teleconference. The Air Quality Permitting and Compliance Program requests that there be only one line used per company.

No amendment necessary.

2. Question: At some point will there be a list available of all prospective bidders?

Response: This RFP was sent out to all vendors on the North Dakota State bidders list for commodity codes 920-27 and 920-40. A list of all of the vendors registered with the state under these commodity codes can be found the state procurement website. At <http://web.apps.state.nd.us/csd/spo/services/bidder/main.htm> by searching under the hyperlink that says "list all commodity codes". When you have selected the commodity codes it provides an option to display a list of all vendors on the bidders list. After a vendor has been selected the program will issue a "Notice of Intent to Award" which list all of the vendors who submitted a request and the vendor selected for this project.

No amendment necessary.

2. Question: Is a formal letter on company letterhead required for a letter of interest?

Response: Section 1.12 of the RFP titled "Letter of Interest" indicates that vendors need only provide the name of their firm, contact person, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address to be considered a letter of interest. A formal letter on company stationary is not needed. The sole purpose of the letter of interest is to provide the purchasing agency with a contact person to receive any notices related to the RFP. Submission of a letter of interest is not a requirement for submitting a proposal.

No amendment necessary.

3. Question: Your contract indicates that:

"Any software developed under this contract shall be owned by the state of North Dakota and source code shall be provided to the state. The program must be accessible to all AQPCP staff. If a licensed software package is proposed, the licensing options must be provided, and the licensing requirements must be provided."

The ASP model would not be owned by the State, and it would be hosted on servers outside the state of ND, however there are several additional features that could be added, including:

- online licensing and permit application and renewal, including payments by check or credit card
- ability for Field Staff to have laptops/PDA's/tablet-PC that could capture the information and update the database nightly
- other features/services that we offer for other states would be available for this application to use

Source code can be escrowed for your protection, and contract language written appropriately. Will you allow a proposal that is for an ASP (Application Service Provider) to provide and host the system?

Response: The Air Quality Permitting and Compliance Program is not precluded from using an ASP to provide and host the system. However at this time, this is not the programs preferred option and raises additional concerns that would have to be resolved.

No amendment necessary.

Vendors are instructed to acknowledge receipt of and compliance with this amendment by signing below and returning this acknowledgement with your bid or proposal.

Any questions regarding this amendment must be submitted in writing to the undersigned Procurement Officer.

Karen Haas, Procurement Officer
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge this amendment to the above referenced solicitation.

Name of Company

Signature

Date